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SPRING FLOWING STARTS:  
LIVESTOCK PRICES DETERMINED

SPRING FLOWING BEGUN -- Zemelske Noviny, No 70, 24 Mar 49

Up to 18 March 1949, 10,384 hectares had been plowed in the Czech Provinces and 42,532 hectares in Slovakia. A total of 273,304 hectares are yet to be plowed to fulfill the plan in the whole country.

A total of 129,049 hectares has been dragged and 2,153,655 hectares remained presumably in all Czechoslovakia. In Slovakia 68,103 hectares had already been planted and seeded, while only 2,041 hectares had been done in the Czech Provinces. In the latter 1,793,792 hectares, or 99.9 percent, remain to be seeded and planted.

The machine tractor stations in the Czech Provinces had plowed 5,459 hectares, dragged 731 hectares, and planted 395 hectares by 21 March 1949. The Czechoslovak State Farms in the Czech Provinces had plowed 9,130 hectares, dragged 7,783 hectares, and seeded 1,414 hectares by 18 March 1949.

VEGETABLE FARMS AREA TO BE DOUBLED IN PRAGUE KRAJ -- Zemelske Noviny, No 69, 23 Mar 49

The total area under vegetable cultivation in Prague Kraj, at present 3,000 hectares, will be increased 100 percent in the Five-Year Plan. In this way 88,900,000 kilograms of vegetables will be produced, as planned for 1953. This will be done especially along the Elbe, and particularly in the central Elbe area. Vegetables are grown mainly in Brandys, Bercum, and Mlada Boleslav.

PRICE OF SUCKLING PIGS INCREASES -- Zemelske Noviny, No 54, 5 Mar 49

The State Statistical Office has determined prices of suckling pigs in the Czech Provinces up to 1 February 1949.

Average prices in the Czech Provinces were 90.50 crowns per kilogram of live weight up to 15 kilograms, and 78.40 crowns per kilogram of live weight

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for pigs between 15 and 25 kilograms. This showed an average increase over the prices of 1 January 1949 of 4.50 crowns.

The lowest prices, 81.80 and 61.90 crowns, were found in Pilsen Kraj, and the highest, 101.80 and 90.70 crowns, in Gottwaldov Kraj.

The average price for pigs over 25 kilograms live weight in the Czech Provinces up to 1 February 1949 was 54.10 crowns per kilogram live weight. This is an increase of about 2.30 crowns over the 1 January 1949 level.

**PURCHASE PRICE OF LAMBS SET -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 48, 26 Feb 49**

The Supreme Price Office set the following purchase prices of lambs born this spring, effective 25 February 1949. Ewe lambs will cost 50 crowns per kilogram live weight, and 35 crowns per kilogram live weight will be paid for young rams and wethers. These prices are for healthy animals weighing over 15 kilograms.

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